



Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board

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Ms. Glenda Wiles
Ravalli County Commissioners Office
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SUBJECT: Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (PTRCB) staff review of the costs for Follow-up Investigation-Groundwater Monitoring Work Plan submitted by PBS&J, dated January, 2007, for Ravalli County Airport, Hamilton, Facility 99-95007, DEQ Release # 4414.

Dear Ms. Wiles:

Please be sure to read the Corrective Action approval letter from the Department of Environmental Quality for technical guidance pertaining to the completion of the above referenced work plan.

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board staff has reviewed the cost documentation provided with this corrective action work plan and provides the following comments pertaining to the proposed costs:

- **Be advised that due to fiscal demands on the Fund reimbursement payments may become protracted. In accordance with MCA 75-11-307(5), if the Fund does not contain sufficient money to pay approved claims for eligible costs, a reimbursement may not be made and the Fund and the Board are not liable for making any reimbursement for the costs at that time. When the Fund has sufficient money, eligible costs must be reimbursed in the order in which they are approved by the Board.**
- The maximum that Board staff will reimburse for the work plan is \$695.25. The Labor Policy determines that a Project Engineer is the appropriate personnel level for this work plan. Staff is using the pre-approved rate of \$94.50/hour for Project Engineer
- Based on statistical tracking, the most Board staff will reimburse for the Abbreviated Report for Groundwater Monitoring Report (AR-01) is \$1,300.00/report.
- The staff will not recommend reimbursement of costs exceeding those submitted and approved with this plan unless a written Corrective Action Plan Budget Modification Form (PTRCB Form 8) is received and approved. A data input form for the Form 8 can be found on the PTRCB web site at <http://www.deq.state.mt.us/petro/forms.asp>
- The owner/operator is reminded all comments on the costs of work proposed in this plan are based on costs information supplied with the corrective action work plan.
- Please ensure that the title, date of the work plan, and task description contained in the work plan are included on the claim form in the Detail of Costs-Section 6. If the costs claimed are from more than one work plan or task, please be sure to include separate page 2 for each work plan.

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- Reimbursement will be made for eligible costs in accordance with MCA, 75-11-309(2)(a)(ii) and ARM 17.58.342.
- In accordance with Board Labor Reimbursement Policy, staff will reimburse labor costs billed on a time and materials basis according to the duties performed rather than the title or position that an employee holds as approved by PTRCB vote on March 29, 2004.
- Please be aware that the owner or operator may not be reimbursed from the fund for expenses associated with work completed by or on behalf of the owner or operator more than 5 years prior to the owner's or operator's request for reimbursement. This limitation does not apply to claims for compensation paid to third parties for bodily injury or property damage. (§75-11-307(2)(h), MCA)

If you have questions regarding these corrective action work plan comments please contact me via phone at 406-841-5097 or email at tkandt@mt.gov.



Tom Kandt
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